

SB 2386 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN ROLL COMMISSION

House Committee on Judiciary

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) strongly <u>SUPPORTS</u> SB2386 SD2 HD1, which is a bill that clarifies the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission's duty to receive and maintain confidential enrollment documents that verify Native Hawaiian ancestry, connection to the Native Hawaiian community, and age; provides that the commission shall not publish or release any such documents; and classifies such documents as confidential.

As Governor Abercrombie noted when he signed into law Act 195—the measure that recognized Native Hawaiians as the indigenous people of Hawai'i and created the Native Hawaiian Roll Commission—the Roll Commission's work "is an important step for the future of Native Hawaiian self-determination and the ability for Native Hawaiians to decide their own future." As Governor Abercrombie further observed, the members of the roll assembled by the Commission will help to "determine the course of Hawai'i's indigenous people."

Given the significance of the Native Hawaiian roll, it is imperative that known impediments to enrollment be eliminated, to ensure that the maximum number of Native Hawaiians have the opportunity to enroll and participate in the momentous process of reconstituting a Native Hawaiian government.

One major impediment to enrollment that can and should be eliminated is the concern of prospective enrollees that highly sensitive documents reflecting their confidential family history, as well as their private personal information about cultural, social and civic participation in the Native Hawaiian community, will be published or released to their detriment.

Prospective enrollees should not be forced to choose between maintaining their family and personal privacy and exercising their civic right to participate in Native Hawaiian governmental processes. Rather, appropriate safeguards, such as those included in SB2386 SD2 HD1, should be put in place to ensure that prospective enrollees' privacy rights and rights to civic participation can both be protected.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to PASS SB2386 SD2 HD1. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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